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RAILROADS TO BEGIN WINTER SCHEDULE;
REPORT PROGRESS WITH PLANS, CONSTRUCTION

SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE 29 NOVEMBER -- Gudok, No 143, 27 Nov 49

The winter schedule for train traffic will go into effect on the USSR railroad network on the night of 29 November. During the winter months many railroad systems will keep the operating indexes used during the summer months, a practice initiated in 1948, and on some systems the winter operating norms will be higher than those established by the summer schedule.

The weight of all south-bound trains on the Turkestan-Siberian Railroad System has been increased by 900 tons. Traffic will be increased by several pairs of trains per day on the Balashov route between the Donets Basin and the Volga area. The winter schedule calls for an increase on the network as a whole of average speed including stops, average speed excluding stops, and the level of freight handling, in comparison not only with the corresponding period of last year but also with the summer schedule.

To insure the effective implementation of the winter program, the state has given the railroad systems large amounts of additional equipment, including rails, crushed stone ballast, and new locomotives. Advanced methods for handling trains and for station operations will be used.

MOSCOW RR CENTER TO EXPAND ELECTRIC RUNS -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 308,
31 Dec 49

Electric train traffic will be opened on the Moscow-Vnukovo section of the Moscow-Kiev Railroad System and on the Moscow-Kryukovo section of the October Railroad System. These will be the first electrified sections of these railroad systems.

On the Western Railroad System it is planned to complete the construction of the Golitsyno-Zvenigorod section.

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It is planned to increase the speed of electric trains. In addition, nine-car trains will replace the six-car trains used formerly.

A large amount of work is planned for the further automatization of traction substations and for the introduction of control by telecommunications.

NEW ELECTRIFICATION UNDER WAY IN LATVIA -- Sovetskaya Latvya, No 6, 7 Jan 50

Workers of transport enterprises of Latvian SSR have pledged in a letter to Stalin to complete the 1950 year plan for the construction of the Riga-Kemerli electrified railroad line and to put electric trains into operation on the Riga coast by 5 August 1950.

TASHKENT SYSTEM COMPLETES YEAR CARLOADING PLAN - Pravda Vostoka, No 255, 28 Dec 49

The Tashkent Railroad System completed the 1949 carloading plan 100.2 percent on 27 December. The carloading plan for most of the major types of freight was exceeded, with the plan for petroleum products being completed 104.4 percent, ferrous metals 145.7 percent, forest products 123.4 percent, raw cotton, 120.8 percent, and cotton seeds 108.6 percent. The year plan for unloading was completed 102.9 percent.

KIROV SYSTEM COMPLETES YEAR PLAN -- Leninskoye Znaniye, No 1, 1 Jan 50

The Kirov Railroad System completed the 1949 plan for loading 108.1 percent and the plan for unloading 107.2 percent.

NEW STATION FOR MOSCOW-RYAZAN' SYSTEM -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 307, 29 Dec 49

A new railroad station, called Elektrozavodskaya, has been built in Stalinskiy Rayon of Moscow City for the Moscow-Ryazan' Railroad System. The station is located not far from the vestibule of the "Elektrozavodskaya" subway station. The new station has a 220-meter stone platform with metal lamp-posts.

The new station will permit workers living outside the city and working in enterprises of Stalinskiy and Pervomayskiy rayons of Moscow City to get to work faster, without transferring from railroad trains to the subway, trolley and other types of transport.

Every day 252 electric trains will stop at the station, which has been accepted by a special commission of the Administration of the Moscow-Ryazan' Railroad System and will be put into service in the near future.

Vechernyaya Moskva, No 309, 31 Dec 49

The new station is located on the Moscow-Lyubertsy suburban run between the Kazanskiy vokzal (station) and Sortirovochnaya.

NEW STATION BUILDING FINISHED IN STALINO -- Izvestiya, No 307, 29 Dec 49

Construction of a new railroad station building has been completed in Stalino.

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Pravda Ukrainy, No 308, 31 Dec 49

The building has a volume of 35,000 cubic meters.

PART OF L'VIV STATION BUILDING COMPLETED -- Izvestiya, No 269, 15 Nov 49

The first section of the main building of the L'viv Passenger Station was put into service recently. The building was destroyed during the war.

NEW STATION BUILDING OPENED IN BELGOROD -- Pravda, No 326, 16 Nov 49

A new station building has been built and put into service in Belgorod on the site of the building destroyed during the war. The new building has a larger capacity than the old one.

DEFECTS IN PASSENGER SERVICE CONTINUE - Vechernyaya Moskva, No 305, 27 Dec 49

On the Yaroslavl' Railroad System only 96.5 percent of the passenger trains were run according to schedule in December. Recently, 236 trains failed to meet the schedule on the suburban section

On the Moscow-Donbass System suburban trains arrived on schedule on only 5 days in December, and thousands of persons were late for work.

Passenger trains are, as formerly, poorly prepared for their runs. Recently, special commissions inspected the condition of 1,560 trains, and could give ratings of "excellent" to only 130 trains. Also, some long-haul trains are still being dispatched from Moscow without a full complement of cars.

Trains are often dispatched from the Kurskiy vokzal (station) in Moscow in an unsanitary condition.

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